a rigid [volume reservoir] tube, the [volume reservoir] tube having an outer surface; and,

a vent in fluid communication with the [reservoir] tube, the vent having a filter made of expanded polytetraflouroethylene (ePTFE), wherein the pore size of the filter ranges from greater than .45 μm to about 5.0 μm, the filter being flush with the outer surface of the [volume reservoir] tube.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

3. (Amended) The drip chamber of claim [2] 1 wherein the pore size of the filter is about 3 μm.

5. (Amended) A drip chamber in a cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) drainage system comprising:

a [volume reservoir] tube having an outer surface; and,

a vent in fluid communication with the [reservoir] tube, the vent having a filter made of a hydrophobic porous material wherein the pore size of the filter ranges from greater than .45 μm to about 5.0 μm.

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice,

Please cancel claims 13 – 23 without prejudice.

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Please add claims ~~62~~ – ~~74~~ as follows:

~~62~~. A drip chamber in a cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) drainage system comprising:

a tube having an outer surface, ~~and~~,

a vent in fluid communication with the tube, the vent having a filter made of a porous material wherein the pore size of the filter is about 3 μm.

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~~63~~. The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the porous material is expanded polytetraflouroethylene (ePTFE).

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~~64~~. The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the porous material is a hydrophobic material.

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~~65~~. The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the vent has a surface area ranging from about 0.8 cm^2 to about 5.0 cm^2.

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~~66~~. The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the filter is flush with the outer surface of the tube.

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~~67~~. The drip chamber of claim 66 wherein the vent is integral with the outer surface of the tube.

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~~68~~. The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the tube is rigid.